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Washington.—For the third consecutive month the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported good news for wage earners and their families.

The bureau reported another drop of 0.5 percent in the retail prices of goods and services during the month which ended December 15.

The fall in prices, falling below the 1955-56 average, was largely responsible again for the drop in the retail price index as of Dec. 15.

The index had been up for 10 months, with an average of 1.053-59 average. The index had reached a peak of 174.5 in the late summer. The drop of 3.1 points amounts to 1.5 percent.

The midwinter reading was 2.5 percent higher than a year ago, 29 percent higher than in June, 1946, and nearly 74 percent above the midwinter reading of 1934.

Miami.—The AFL's Executive Council met here for its annual mid-winter session to map plans for the immediate future.

The council approved a new "solidarity" program, which the AFL adopted at its 67th convention held last November in Cincinnati.

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AFL Urges Extension of Trade Program; Asks Improvements in Administration

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11,000 Production Workers Dropped In California Employment Decline

San Francisco—Factory employment in California declined by almost 100,000 between November and December, according to a report by the Bureau of Industrial Relations. The drop in employment was the result of a decline in seasonal employment, such as canning, food processing and lumber, but also to significant losses in furniture and iron and steel. Employment in the state in December 1947 was 478,000, or 2,300 below that in November.

Every branch of the durable goods industry, with the exception of shipbuilding, reported a decline in output or remained unchanged between November and December.

The Los Angeles County industrial area was almost unaffected by the de-

cline in employment as gains in the food products industries offset losses in other areas. The factory employment amounted to 244,000 persons in December, or 1,000 more than in November 1947.

Employment in the San Francisco Bay industrial area, however, showed a decline of 900, to 108,000 in December 1947, and a loss of 12,500 below the year-ago total.

The State Department of Employment and Industrial Relations said the San Francisco Bay workers' receiving unemployment benefits in December 1947 were 10,000 higher than in December 1947. The number of workers receiving unemployment and waterfront displace, the number of workers relieved was also 10,000 higher than in December.

**DEATH OF AGNES NESTOR
MOURNED BY ALL LABO**

Chicago.—Union members everywhere, particularly women, mourn the recent death, at 68, of Miss Agnes Nestor, the person credited with bringing the 8-hour-day law for women workers into existence.

At the time of her death here, Miss Nestor was director of education and training for the American Glove Workers Union of America. Earlier years she served the union faithfully and with distinction in the offices of secretary-treasurer, vice president and president. Her efforts in behalf of the union and its working conditions for working people were many and varied, including the promotion of women's rights, and she waged a strenuous campaign for equal pay at equal jobs for women and men factory workers. She was a woman that fought for many setbacks and many triumphs.

In addition to her activities in the field of organized labor, Miss Nestor was active in many other fields, namely, state and federal boards and commissions. She was a member of the National Yarn and Woolen Goods advisory committee of the Congressional Planning Commission and the National Yarn and Woolen Goods planning committee. Her latest appointment was to the Disposed Persons Commission in Paris.